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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

HEADQUARTERS DEMOCRATIC TERRITORY.  
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SAL. FRI. N. M., August 4, 1906.

In accordance with a resolution of the central committee, a Democratic territorial convention is hereby called to be held in Silver City, New Mexico, Wednesday, September 3, 1906, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for delegates to the House of Representatives of the United States, to be voted for at the next November election. The several counties of the territory are entitled to the following number of delegates:

Albuquerque	10
Bernalillo	10
Catron	10
Cibola	10
Concho	10
Crowley	10
Doña Ana	10
Grant	10
Hidalgo	10
Lincoln	10
McKinley	10
Mora	10
Navajo	10
Pima	10
Puebla	10
Santa Fe	10
Santa Rita	10
Sherman	10
Valencia	10
Yuma	10

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WANTED: An intelligible, business-like statement of the public debt of New Mexico.

The "State Government" address of Col. J. Francisco Chavez, is as weak as it is longwinded.

Every voter should read the Valencia County loggia's address in support of statehood.

No bargain between legislative candidates and sheriffs can be made this fall. The people are on the alert, and the excessive fee bill of the sheriffs must go.

Maxey does his best; but, through his lack of ability and ordinary horse sense, he makes the New Mexican a mere organ of dissension in his own party.

The secret of the partisan opposition to the Perkins school bill is, that the Republican leaders dread education, as a certain historic gentleman is reputed to dread holy water.

If Santa Fe could just get rid of Maxey and his methods, she might now start out upon a career of unprecedented growth and prosperity. All the other conditions are favorable.

The venom of the Republican Press of the Territory, seems at present to be directed toward Charley Gilderleeves, and, as a consequence, that gentleman is advancing in the esteem of Democrats, and of good citizens generally.

The residents of Silver City can tell just how much work the assessor has done this year. He has made a half dozen brief visits to town, at the rate of about \$1000 per visit. Such licensed robbery of the tax payers must stop. We do not blame the assessor, but we must correct the law.

In his published address, supporting statehood, J. Francisco Chavez is grotesquely frantic, stupidly vague and comically pathetic, by turns. The cause is bad enough, the Lord knows, but this militia-colonel's treatment of it, is such as must awaken groans of its friends drowning the jeers of its enemies.

As a sample of pure, unadulterated self-slobber and senseless twaddle we commend the following. It is Maxey Frost's very latest:

God, how the New Mexican worries the black-headed Democratic sheets published in various places in New Mexico, and how the New Mexican is a terror, and a sharp one, in the sides of the black-headed and corrupt men who control these sheets. The New Mexican's course hurts, and hurts sorely and continually.

Ex-Gov. Ross, the veteran journalist, whose thoughtful and vigorous leaders in the Deming HEADLIGHT are read with deep interest all over New Mexico, was among our agreeable callers, this week. We infer from the gentleman's conversation that he regards the Republican rump constitution as a monumental fraud. [Santa Fe Sun.]

Mr. Joseph has reconsidered his idea of retiring from politics, and will be a candidate for renomination before the Silver City convention. His admirable record in congress makes him a mighty hard man to beat for nomination or election. [Albuquerque Democrat.]

Mr. Joseph is in a position to do more for New Mexico, than any other man who can be sent to Washington. He is experienced, is held in high esteem by members of the House, of both parties, and he rarely fails to get what he asks for. We are aware that it distresses the Republican leaders to see Democrats united upon Mr. Joseph, but really, we feel that we must look to the best interests of the Territory, even at the risk of defeating the Republican nominee.

## THE TREND OF PUBLIC THOUGHT.

Apparently the first thought to find expression in a group, anywhere, in connection with the approaching political canvass, is the importance of electing first-class, reliable, honest men and Democrats to the next Legislature. Nor is it unnatural or singular that the political complexion of that body should be considered important, even by candid Republicans. For three consecutive sessions the Legislature has been Republican by small majorities, and those majorities have invariably been largely increased by the most outrageous and brutal exercise of their power to unseat members of the opposite party and replace them with pliant tools of the gang that ruled that party, and all for none but the most despicable of personal and partisan purposes.

The term Republican in the minds of many fair, honest people, has thus come to be regarded as a synonym of political dishonesty and partisan greed and is driving a great many of the better class of Republicans to the conclusion that for once, at least, they will see what will be the effect of electing a Democratic Legislature.

This movement is apparent and general throughout the Territory. It is a rebellion of decency and respectability against the revolting practices that have so long prevailed in New Mexico's legislature, the proof of which now mars practically every page of New Mexico's statutes.

Thinking people have become disgusted with that plan of legislative morality, and that gang of political and moral lepers, who have shadowed the pages of our statute books with laws to facilitate the robbery of New Mexico's orphaned minors—with laws that make their courts a party to the schemes of pettifogging lawyers in the protection and for the gain of dishonest clients—with laws framed expressly and solely for the clearance of partisan criminals—with laws for the suppression of free speech and the freedom of the press, and with laws that clog and reverse the machinery of the courts of justice in the interest of defaulting clients and negligent attorneys; and they now call a halt and a radical revision of these statutes, to the end that they shall hereafter reflect the general judgment of intelligent Americanism in law making and general public policy.

Nor do we forget that many of those who are now coming to the aid of the Democratic party in the procurement of this most essential reform do so not as Democrats but as Republicans. Conscience of their inability otherwise to choke off the cormorants who have so long ruled only to rob and demoralize, they have patriotically determined to lay aside partyism for a time, and co-operate with those whose power, thus augmented becomes invincible.

It is a great long needed reform, now nearly won, and the close of the struggle therefor will mark the beginning of an era of advancement in all the affairs and all the interests of New Mexico.

## THE WINDHAM CASE.

A. C. Windham of the Lower Gila, saw fit to address a communication to the Southwest Sentinel, reflecting upon certain men who had criticized his political course in the last election. The Sentinel has this to say editorially regarding the matter, and the extract may be read with advantage by others beside Mr. Windham:

We do not question in the least the right and duty of Democratic voters to vote as their judgment dictates. But since Mr. Windham has seen fit to parade his disloyalty to the party as an exhibition of heroic virtue, we will say that we do not fault with Mr. Windham as a voter; we do say that when he determined to be independent, a free lance, he should have resigned his place as the representative of his precinct in the Democratic central committee. He had an right to hold his place as a trusted officer of Democracy while encouraging revolt and desertion; he should have returned the assign to our party instead of dragging it in the mire of discord to the camp of the enemy. It is in the time of struggle, in the hour of adversity that the staunch and the true will be found in their places. The cynicism of the enemy found a ready lodgment in the credulity of Mr. Windham, while truth for his party pleaded in vain against a cold and disloyal reception. We are differently constituted; we would believe a friend in preference to an enemy.

Forty years ago New Mexico was added to the domain of the United States. In the treaty of peace with Mexico it was expressly provided that the rights of grantees, where lands were granted by either the Mexican or Spanish governments, should be respected. For forty years the interior department and congress have been pretending to settle

the title to these grants, but after that long period they are in as unsettled condition as they were when the day New Mexico was acquired by the United States. The longer a settlement is delayed the more intricate become the questions which must be determined. Albuquerque Citizen.

The establishment of General McCook's Department Headquarters at Santa Fe, causes general rejoicing throughout the Territory.

Charles A. Roxborough, a leading negro of Iberville Parish, Louisiana, gives a variety of reasons explaining his resignation from the Republican local executive committee, among them being Republican meddling between the races at the South, Republican refusal to allow negroes to hold office at the North, with similar well-known grievances. The following, which appears among them, has novelty enough about it to make it worth while to call it to Republican attention:

I know, too, that this same party, at that same convention, in that same platform, declared in favor of protection to all American industries. When, however, Mr. McKinley introduces his reform (7) tariff bill and that instead of it being the measure of a statesman it is rather a narrow, sectional one, is not the cultivation of sugar an American industry? Are not millions of dollars invested in its production? Are not a quarter of a million of negroes interested in and maintained by its cultivation. Why, then, should this industry be put at the free list? Why this discrimination? If it was done as a punishment to the South it is quite evident who will be the sufferers thereby. Why, it was but September last when Mr. Burrows, a member of Congress from Michigan, in his speech at Bayou Goula, during the Minor-Price campaign, declared: "That sugar was an American industry and was entitled to the same protection as the iron and coal of Pennsylvania, the wool of Ohio and the lumber of Michigan." Did he vote as he thought or as spoke? The Congressional Record shows to the contrary.

"There is not a red dot or line in the entire (McKinley) bill that will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork." From James G. Blaine's letter to Senator Frye.

Mr. Harrison is severe in his judgment of the lottery method of getting something for nothing, but when it comes to putting in \$1 and getting out a deed for an \$8,000 summer residence, he looks at it from a different standpoint.

The "Greatest Living Statesman" is being "put through a course of sprouts" by the smallest living Republican. At least that seems to be the meaning of Mr. Blaine's sudden call from Bar Harbor to Mr. Harrison's Dollar cottage.

The Toledo Blade says that President Harrison purchased the Cape May cottage "the same as any private individual would have done, after ascertaining that it met his wants and those of his family." The one dollar then was for rent.

A subscriber at "Hell's Half Acre, Ellis County, Texas," writes to urge that it is time to "swan the infant industries." We agree with him fully, and will be obliged to him for the suggestion of some method of inducing them to let go without biting the udder off. [Repub.]

Mrs. Frank Leslie states that the Marquis de Louville sometimes "suffers acutely from spasmodic asthma." This is better than was anticipated. From various Le Louville-Lele performances it was supposed that the marquis was a sufferer from chronic idiosy.

The strike of the employees of the New York Central railroad is probably the most important and far reaching revolt of labor which has yet occurred in this country. And the fact that Vanderbilt has declared that he will spend a million dollars before conceding their demands, makes the struggle of still greater importance.

At Las Vegas an official call of the board of county commissioners for a mass meeting of citizens in the court room, on next Saturday evening. Posters have been mailed to every postmaster in the county and it is hoped that the attendance will be large. A special invitation to attend has been mailed to Gen. L. Bradford Prince at Santa Fe.

A private letter from Rev. J. B. Goffe to Mr. Thomas Murphy, states that himself and Bishop Bourgade, vicars apostolic of Arizona and part of New Mexico, will be in Lake Valley, Hillsborough and Kingston about the last of this month or first of next to administer the rites of confirmation, etc. [Sierra Advocate.]

There was a time when a man named Astor spent his days and a portion of his nights trying to unpeasant smelling trousers. Now the same man who has arrived into the family are having a tiff about which one of them shall be known as "Mrs. Astor." The aristocracy of wealth in this country is a great thing, even if it is founded on lies with an overpowering odor.

The editor of the Chicago Herald says it is "folly to talk about irrigating the great arid plains of the west for the purpose of making them productive of any ordinary belt crops." The Herald knows less than a government mule about irrigation. The people of New Mexico, California, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Arizona have proven that abundant field crops can be grown by irrigation in any portion of the great west. [Albuquerque Citizen.]

What a predicament the republican party is in, to be sure, in the face of the fact that the McKinley bill must be passed for a storm of popular indignation, and if it fails to pass it, must expect to see the purse strings of those manufacturers who gave it victory in 1898 tightened against it. No wonder Moore, Reed, Hunt, Quay and company are looking about for some plan with which to steal the vote they cannot command.

Speaking about one of the New Mexico institutions, the Field and Farm at Denver has this to say: "The New Mexico agricultural college starts off well, and we have faith in the integrity of the men in charge, and believe they want to accomplish some good. If present hopes are realized the New Mexico college will have something like \$12,000 annually to operate on, and this sum ought to suffice. We hope they will make it go further than our friends at the U. S. College Institution are capable of doing."

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It seems to be generally conceded that Otero is to be nominated for congress by the Albuquerque convention; he is the only one of the several aspirants who is able to put up enough to buy the place. And now, if Joseph shall be nominated at Silver City, we shall have the same old fight over, and with the same result. Mariani has money enough to buy the conventions of his party, but not enough to buy the people. He is the hardest man in the party to beat in convention, and the easiest to beat at the polls. [Albuquerque Democrat.]

A Pecos yarn from the Optic: Frank T. Robinson got back last night from a three weeks' hunting and fishing trip on the headwaters of the Pecos, where he left Sam Hubble, Page Otero, Wash. Benjaulo and two others. Mr. Robinson brought back 100 or more fresh trout, for distribution among the boys here, and states that up to the time of leaving the party had captured 2,500 trout, and bagged one cinnamon bear, five deer, twenty-four grouse and other game. Judging from his looks the party must have had a very good time.

G. W. Evans, of Clayton, has been telling the Trinidad Advertiser what a farmer can do in New Mexico. Last year he succeeded very well, but this year his most sanguine expectations were outdone. Last week he cut a large tract of oats to cure for fodder because of lack of facilities for threshing. Had he been able to gather the grain the yield would have averaged over fifty bushels to the acre. Of corn he has twenty acres that will give an average of thirty bushels to the acre. This is all without irrigation and in a country where they have to go all the way from 35 to 100 feet and more to strike water for wells.

The original package bill passed by congress provides that "All fermented, distilled, or other intoxicating liquors or liquids transported into any state or territory, or remaining therein, for use, consumption, sale or storage therein, shall upon arrival in such state or territory be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such state or territory, enacted in the exercise of its police powers, to the same extent and in the same manner as though such liquors or liquids had been produced in such state or territory and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise."

There's Fruit in the "Ex." A number of ex-congressmen are now spreading law here. Their high standing gives them influence in the departments, and they can get immense fees for their work before the house and senate committees. Ex-Secretary George Boutwell has been practicing here for some years. Attorney General Garland has an office here, and Ex-Secretary Belknap has a good practice. Ex-congressmen as lawyers are as many as the leaves of Valambrosa, and ex-senators are everywhere. Joseph E. McDonald is a regular practitioner in the Washington courts and at the Capitol. Jeremiah Wilson, once a member from Indiana, makes \$25,000 a year as a Washington lawyer, and the fees of Judge Shellsberger, who was a noted Ohio congressman in the sixties, amount to ten times a congressman's salary. Phil Thompson, of Kentucky, is practicing in Washington, and as for bureau lawyers, you find them by the dozens. I understand that Ben Butterworth will drop the unprofitable field of politics to go into the more profitable one of the law at the close of his term, and he would, if he would, have a bigger patent business than any other man in the country.—Frank G. Carpenter in Philadelphia Press.

Respect for Youth. Boys, especially, shrink from any approach to ridicule on the part of their elders. A wise and amiable philosopher confessed to me that his disapproval of a certain person of note arose from nothing more serious than an unlikely question put to him in his boyhood by the celebrity we were discussing. The man, meaning to be pleasantly ironic, in the presence of others had asked the boy what he thought of matters and things in general. The fitting retort was not apparent at once even to a mature mind, and the poor victim had remained silent and aloof, recalling his painful position over afterward at sight of his tormentor,—until displeasure, thriving upon itself, grew into resentment.—Berlioz's.

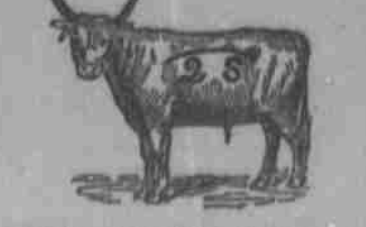
Beyond Controversy. "Bangs," said Lank, "is a fool." "But Lank," said some one, "he says you're a fool." "Well," said Lank, triumphantly, "who minds what a fool says?"—Philadelphia Press.

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